

### *Calls for more fiscally conservative spending in these tough economic times*

Washington, DC - Congressman John Adler released the following statement after voting against the Fiscal Year 2010 Agriculture Appropriations bill. The \$22.9 billion funding bill is 10 percent higher than the \$20.6 billion passed in 2009. Congressman Adler was the only New Jersey Democrat to vote against the bill.

"These are tough economic times for our country. The government cannot continue to spend money it does not have," Congressman Adler said. "Middle class families in Burlington and Ocean Counties are looking for commonsense spending. We need to direct our attention to important priorities, like tax relief for middle class households, or reducing our national debt."

Congressman Adler is determined to cut excessive government spending. This year, the House of Representatives has passed five appropriations bills, and Congressman Adler has voted to cut \$39.5 billion from these bills. In addition, he voted against the Legislative Branch Appropriations bill and the Agriculture Appropriations bill.